

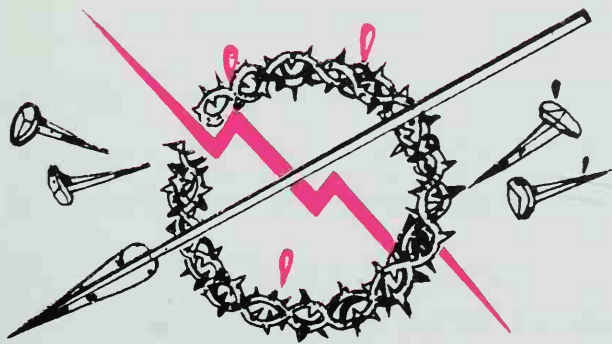
Stations of the Cross



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The Stations of the Cross

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Introduction

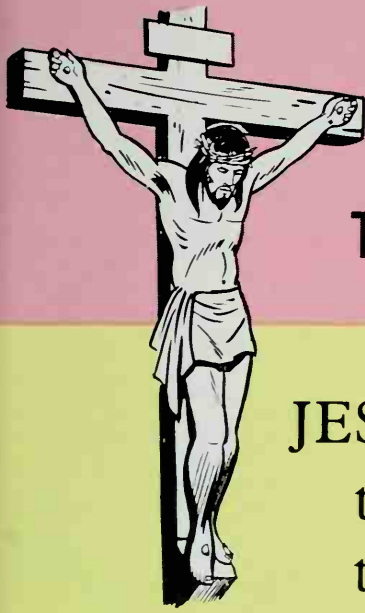
JESUS Christ, the Son of God, lived, suffered, and died for us. Then He rose again in triumph over sin and death.

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave us Holy Mass as a living remembrance of His Death and Resurrection. The Mass is the same sacrifice that He offered to the Father on the Cross.

We can also remember Jesus's suffering and death by making the Stations of the Cross at any time, especially on Fridays and during all the days of Lent.

The beautiful pictures in this book will help us see how much Jesus suffered for love of us. The simple words will help us tell Jesus of our love and gratitude.

Indulgences — Those who devoutly make the Stations of the Cross may gain a plenary indulgence, which can be applied to the Poor Souls in Purgatory.



PRAYER BEFORE SAYING THE STATIONS of the CROSS

JESUS, I want to make
this way of the Cross
to show how much I love You
and thank You,
and to tell You how sorry I am
for having hurt You by my sins.

I wish to gain all the indulgences I can
and offer them for the Poor Souls
in Purgatory,
especially for our family and friends.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows,
be with me,
and help me to pray well.





1st STATION

PILATE CONDEMNS JESUS

JESUS, the people want You to die.
They tell lies about You,
but You do not say a word.

Then the soldiers beat You with whips
and put a crown of thorns on Your
head.
They laugh at You and hit You,
and then they condemn You to death.

You suffer all this quietly
because I disobeyed God's Law.

When You judge my soul after I die,
be kind to me and forgive me!

Lord Jesus crucified,
have mercy on me!



2nd STATION

JESUS TAKES HIS CROSS

JESUS, You take up the Cross
which my sins made for You.
You are ready to die for me.

Teach me to carry my cross each day
for love of You,
as you carried Your Cross
for love of me.

When I must suffer let me say,
“Your will be done!”
Help me to save my soul,
which was so dear to You.

Lord Jesus crucified,
have mercy on me!



3rd STATION

JESUS FALLS TO THE GROUND FOR THE FIRST TIME

JESUS, by Your first fall
under the heavy Cross,
make up for my pride
which led me into sin.

Make me humble and kind
that I may be like You.

When I fall into some sin,
help me to get up again
by being sorry for the sin
and by trying very hard
never to hurt You again.

Lord Jesus crucified,
have mercy on me!



4th STATION

JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER

JESUS, You meet Your dear Mother Mary
who is very sad
because she sees how much You
suffer,
and You never did any wrong.

Her pain is very great
because she loves You so much.

O my Mother Mary, I am sorry
for having hurt Jesus and you.

Make me love Jesus as you did
and help me to be good
that I may save my soul.

Lord Jesus crucified,
have mercy on me!



5th STATION

SIMON HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS CROSS

JESUS, the men make Simon help You
to carry Your heavy Cross,
because You are very tired.

I want to help You carry the Cross
by saying, “Jesus, all for You”
when I have something hard to bear.

You told me to carry my Cross
that I may be like You.

I want to walk after You each day
with my cross on my shoulder
to show how much I love You.

Lord Jesus crucified,
have mercy on me!



6th STATION

VERONICA WIPE THE FACE OF JESUS

JESUS, Veronica has pity on You
and gives You a cloth
on which You leave the picture
of Your holy face.

Put Your picture on my heart
that I may always think of You
and thank You for all You did
to save my sinful soul.

Make me kind and pure
that You may always see in my soul
a picture of Yourself.

Lord Jesus crucified,
have mercy on me!



7th STATION

JESUS FALLS TO THE GROUND FOR THE SECOND TIME

JESUS, my sins made You fall once again
under Your heavy Cross.

I hope to get Your grace
by going to Confession
and Holy Communion often
and by saying my prayers
to keep me from falling into sin.

Give me light to see what to do
and strength to do it.

All my life let me never stop trying
to do Your holy Will.

Lord Jesus crucified,
have mercy on me!



8th STATION

JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

JESUS, the good women are crying
to see You in such pain.

You tell them not to cry
but to be sorry for their sins
and the sins of their children.

Help me to be very sorry
for having offended You
when I disobeyed my heavenly
Father

Please forgive me, Jesus,
and never let me hurt You
by any willful sin.

Lord Jesus crucified,
have mercy on me!



9th STATION

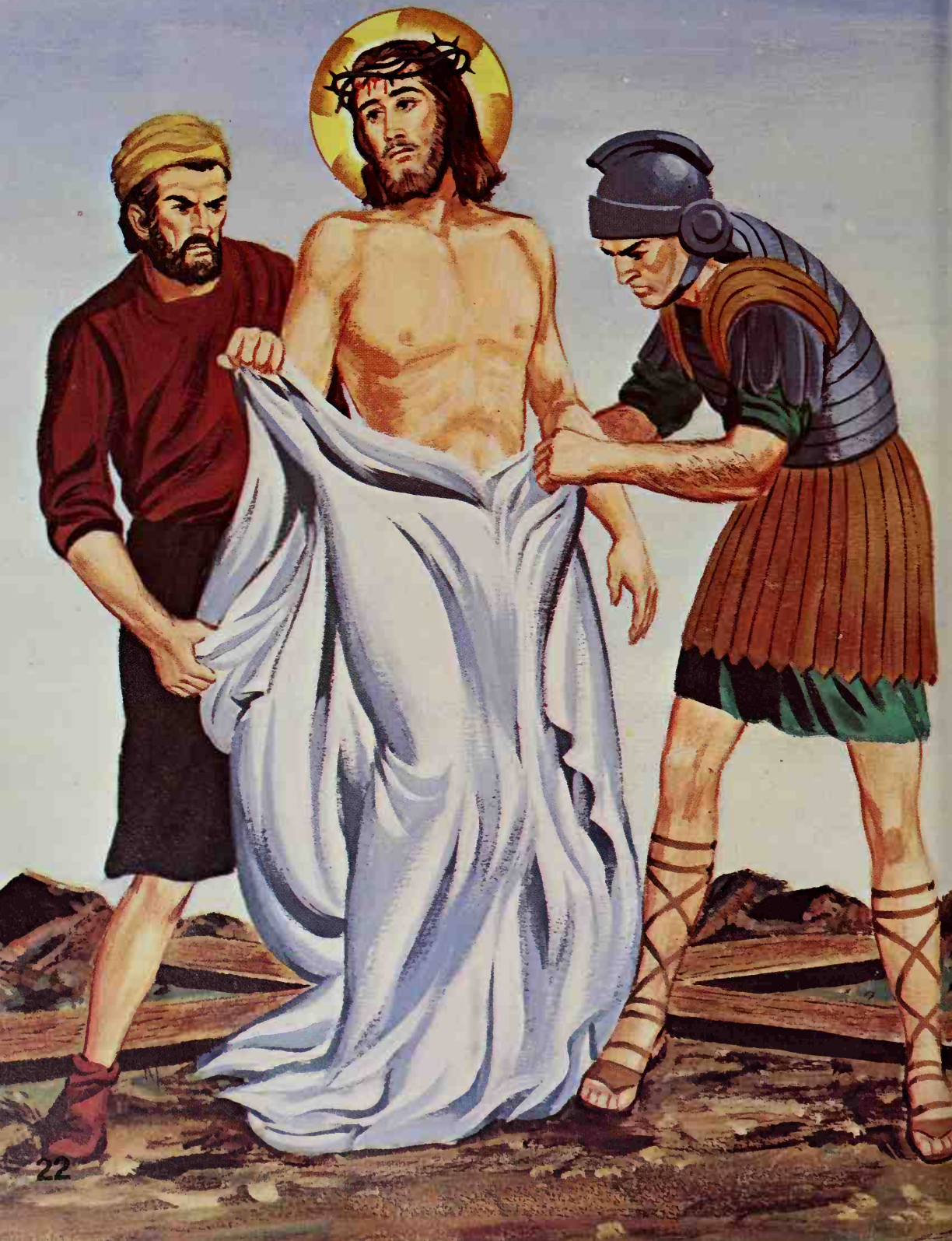
JESUS FALLS FOR THE THIRD TIME

JESUS, You take each step to Calvary
for love of me, to save my soul.
You fall again,
and yet You try to reach the top
where You will die.

How little I try to do the things
that give You joy.

I find it hard to obey,
even to think of You and pray,
and offer up some little pain
to show You how much I love You
and that I really care.

Lord Jesus crucified,
have mercy on me!



10th STATION

THE SOLDIERS TEAR OFF JESUS' CLOTHES

JESUS, at last You come to Calvary.

Like a lamb led to death

You do not say a word, but pray.

You are ready to give Your life for me.

The soldiers tear off Your clothes,
and Your wounds begin to bleed
again.

Take away from me anything at all
that may keep me from loving You

Make my heart pure and kind
and fill it with Your grace,
then offer me to God with You.

Lord Jesus crucified,
have mercy on me!



11th STATION

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

JESUS, how it must have hurt
when the men hammered large nails
into Your hands and feet
and lifted up the Cross.

Let me never forget that
when I commit a mortal sin
It is like nailing You again,
because You died to take away my
sins.

Let me see how wicked sin is
and how good You are.

For three hours You hang
and bleed for me.

Lord Jesus crucified,
have mercy on me!



12th STATION

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

JESUS, dying on the Cross,
I thank You for Your sacrifice
which took away my sins
and gave me grace to be God's friend
and to live as His good child.

I thank You for Your love and mercy
and for all the pain You felt
to win my soul from the devil
and to lead me to heaven someday.

As You died for love of me,
may I live and die for You.

Lord Jesus crucified,
have mercy on me!



13th STATION

JESUS IS TAKEN FROM THE CROSS

JESUS, Your friends put Your body
into Your Mother's arms.

Thirty-three years before,
she gave You to us
a sweet Child of Bethlehem.
Now we give You back to her
torn, bleeding, and dead.

Our sins have cut her heart
like a sharp sword of sorrow,
yet she prays for us, her children,
for You gave her to us as a mother
when You were dying on the Cross.

Lord Jesus crucified,
have mercy on me!



14th STATION

JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

JESUS, Your Mother's heart was broken
when she saw Your dead body
lying in the tomb.

She gave You up to die for me—
how much she must have loved me!

For her sake please forgive me
and help me to save my soul
for which You suffered and died.

Mother of Sorrows, pray for me,
now and at the hour of my death.

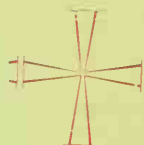
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PRAYER AFTER THE STATIONS

JESUS, I believe that after three days
You rose from the dead on Easter
Sunday,
and You conquered the devil and
death.

I thank You for saving my soul,
and I hope that I, too,
will rise again in glory
after the Last Judgment,
so that with body and soul
I may praise You forever in heaven.

Lord, by Your Cross and resurrection
You have set us free.
You are the Savior of the world!



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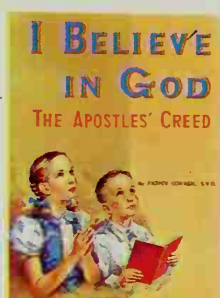
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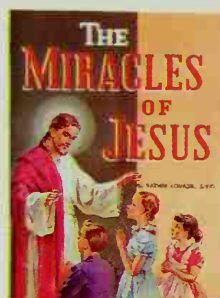
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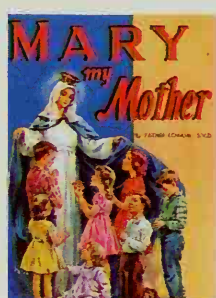
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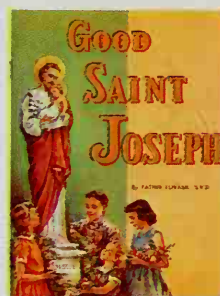
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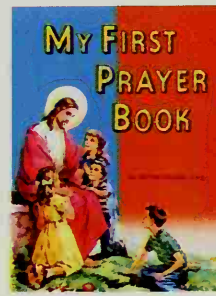
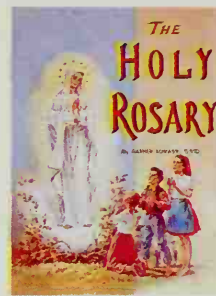
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